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## Note verbale dated 26 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in its capacity as Chair of the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, has the honour to forward herewith to the General Assembly the text (in English and French) of the resolution entitled "The role of parliaments in combating all terrorist acts perpetrated by organizations such as Daesh and Boko Haram against innocent civilians, in particular women and girls", adopted by the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held in Hanoi on 31 March 2015 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations kindly requests the Office of the Secretary-General to circulate the present note verbale and its annex as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 109 of the preliminary list.

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## Annex to the note verbale dated 26 June 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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## The role of parliaments in combating all terrorist acts perpetrated by organizations such as Daesh and Boko Haram against innocent civilians, in particular women and girls

**Resolution adopted unanimously by the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (Hanoi, 31 March 2015)**

The 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU),

*Considering* that all forms and manifestations of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of the motivation and the perpetrators and no matter where they are committed,

*Reaffirming* that terrorism is not to be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization, or with any ethnic group,

*Noting* that those who commit, order, finance or support terrorist acts must be brought to justice,

*Underscoring* that such acts of violence target civilians, in particular women, children and the elderly,

*Expressing* grave concern at the continued threat that terrorism poses to international peace and security,

*Bearing in mind* that the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (also known as Daesh) has accepted Boko Haram's pledge of allegiance,

*Considering* the scope and spread of the abuses committed by Boko Haram and ISIL, which is steadily expanding into new territory in Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic,

*Bearing in mind* that Nigeria, Chad, Niger, Cameroon and Benin decided to mobilize 8,700 men in early February to fight Boko Haram,

*Considering* that ISIL's ideology has inspired terrorist attacks in other parts of the world, for example Brussels, Paris, Sydney and, most recently, Tunis, and that those attacks are clearly aimed at undermining democracy and hampering intercultural dialogue and exchange by sowing terror,

*Gravely concerned* by the systematic looting and cultural destruction wrought by ISIL and deplored by UNESCO, which refers to "cultural cleansing",

*Noting* that all anti-terrorist measures must comply with international law, notably human rights law, refugee law and humanitarian law,

*Recalling* all relevant United Nations resolutions, notably those adopted by the Security Council, on terrorism and organized transborder crime, and condemning all forms of financing of terrorism,

*Recalling* relevant IPU resolutions on terrorism, including the declaration adopted by the Ninth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament,

1. *Condemns in the strongest possible terms* all inhuman and terrorist acts and the steady escalation in violence;

2. *Requests* parliaments to use legislative channels to contribute to the implementation of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions;

3. *Invites* all parliaments vigorously and unanimously to condemn the acts committed by ISIL and Boko Haram;

4. *Calls* for the development of avenues of cooperation between State security and intelligence agencies in order to facilitate the exchange of information between States;

5. *Invites* parliaments to pressure their respective Governments to prosecute any person or organization helping to finance ISIL or Boko Haram, in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions 2161 (2014) and 2170 (2014);

6. *Requests* that any person having helped to commit war crimes or crimes against humanity in the name of those organizations be brought to justice;

7. *Also requests* that particular attention be paid to women and children in countries in which terrorist organizations like ISIL and Boko Haram are active;

8. *Condemns* the deliberate destruction and systematic looting of cultural property and asks that those responsible be held accountable and brought to justice;

9. *Calls on* parliaments to draw up a common strategy on citizens joining the ranks of such organizations and proposes that techniques for exchanging information between States be developed for that purpose;

10. *Also calls on* parliaments to adopt a common strategy to counter the remote recruitment of combatants and propaganda on the Internet, especially on social networks;

11. *Urges* the competent United Nations bodies to adopt the emergency measures needed to support the efforts being made on the ground by the countries of the Economic Community of Central African States and the Economic Community of West African States, to fight Boko Haram;

12. *Endorses* the initiatives taken by the Lake Chad Basin Commission, the African Union and the international community to find a solution to the problem, notably the establishment of the Multinational Joint Task Force;

13. *Reaffirms* the significance of dialogue among the Governments and parliaments of all countries involved in the fight against terrorism.